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Re: Patent Term Extension
Application for
U.S. Patent No. 4,621,077

Dear Mr. Winokur:

A certificate under 35 U.S.C. § 156 is enclosed extending the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,621,077 for a period of 1,371 days.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703)306-3159.

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CERTIFICATE EXTENDING PATENT TERM
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 156

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PATENT NO. : 4,621,077
ISSUED : November 4, 1986
INVENTOR(S) : Sergio Rosini et al.
PATENT OWNER : Istituto Gentili S.p.A.

This is to certify that there has been presented to the

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an application under 35 U.S.C. § 156 for an extension of the patent term. Since it appears that the requirements of the law have been met, this certificate extends the term of the patent for the period of

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from the original expiration date of the patent, November 4, 2003, with all rights pertaining thereto as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 156(b).



I have caused the seal of the Patent and Trademark Office to be affixed this 21st day of April 1997.

Bruce Lehman

Bruce A. Lehman
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